

taxes on or before the first of March in each and every year," which was received.

Labauve moved to amend the first bill by substituting in place of the second section, "that the owner or owners of the land sold, in order to redeem it, shall only be required to pay 16 per cent. per annum, on the amount due the State." Adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading tomorrow.

The question being taken on adopting the amendment to the second bill, it was lost, and the bill was forthwith read and passed by yeas 16, nays 14.

A motion to print the Governor's Inaugural address, was lost.

The resolution to elect a Public Printer on Thursday at 12 o'clock A.M., was adopted.

On motion Senate adjourned.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, January 13, 1846.

After prayers by Rev. J. L. Halsey, the journal was read and corrected.

Sundry petitions of a private nature were presented and referred as requested.

The following reports were received from the chairman, Totten, of the judiciary committee, and agreed to, to wit: That the petitions of W. Edrington and John Gordon, respectively, for divorce, be not granted.

Reports were next received from select committees, reporting sundry local and private bills.

The introduction of bills was next in order, and several of a local cast were received.

A bill to establish the county seat of Washington county, was read a third time and passed.

A joint resolution of Crane, that our Representatives be requested and Senators be instructed to sustain the recommendations of the President of the U. States, in relation to the public lands,

On motion of Totten, the special order of the day was taken up, and the bill to detach a portion of the county of Lafayette and attach the same to Marshall county, was passed.

The special message from the Governor was taken up, from which it appeared that the General Government owed the volunteers of this State \$6,122 06, for services when called out by Gen. Gaines in 1836. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

The special order for 12 o'clock M. was taken up, and the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr McNabb in the chair, on a bill to reduce the price of public printing. The committee rose and reported the bill without amendment; which was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Totten, the bill was read the third time and passed by yeas 88, nays 1.

On motion of Mr. Cushman, the election of printer was fixed for three o'clock to-morrow.

The Senate's message was then taken up, and the bill to legalize the special term of the circuit court of Madison county, was passed.

The Senate's joint resolution to make the internal improvement committee, a joint standing committee, was concurred in.

A bill (from the Senate) explanatory of an act incorporating the University of Mississippi was passed.

Mr. Pettus offered a resolution, that the committee of ways and means enquire into the expediency of amending the revenue laws of the State, by levying ad valorem taxes. Adopted.

On resolution of Mr. Harrison, the committee on the penitentiary was instructed to enquire into the expediency of changing the labor of said institution.

Mr. Green of Hinds was added to the committee on the penitentiary.

The orders of the day were then taken up.

A bill for the benefit of non-resident creditors. Referred to judiciary committee.

Senate bill to incorporate Hook and Ladder Company of Columbus, passed.

Senate bill to establish a seminary of learning in the city of Jackson, referred to the committee on education.

On motion the House adjourned.

#### SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 14, 1846.

In the Senate Fox offered a memorial to Congress in relation to the improvement of Pearl River.

Guion from the Judiciary committee reported as follows:

That a bill for the benefit of married women living on the 16th Sections, ought not to become a law.

A bill to amend the several acts of limitation.

A bill to regulate the practice of circuit courts in criminal cases.

A resolution amendatory of the constitution.

A resolution inserting an amendment in the constitution.

A bill to provide for the appointing commissioners in the several States to take acknowledgments of deeds, &c.

Durr from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill for the relief of Isaac Chrisman.

Boone from a select committee reported a bill for the relief of the Hon. J. H. Rollins.

The Senate gave leave to the introduction of the following bills:

A bill to attach the counties of Tippah and Pontotoc to the District chancery court at Fulton.

A bill to carry into effect the arrangement of the State of Mississippi with the United States in relation to the two per cent. fund.

A bill to incorporate the Yazoo Lodge, No. 65.

A bill to restore the school lands in Rankin county.

A bill to construct a levee on the Mississippi river, &c. &c. (This bill asks for 125,000 acres of land, the proceeds of the sales to be used in constructing the levee, to grant pre-emption rights to settlers, a clerk to keep a record of the sales, the purchase of negroes, the appointment of a board of commissioners and to give a bond of \$20,000, the monies to be deposited in the State Treasury, the commissioner to draw the money by warrant, the commissioners to receive \$5 per day, the slaves purchased to belong to the State, &c. &c.)

A bill to authorize the Board of Police of Amite county to create additional districts for the election of Justices of the Peace in said county.

The Senate took up the resolution from the House relative to the election of a Public Printer this day at 3 o'clock and concurred in the same.

The Senate passed the following bills, to wit:

A bill for the relief of T. F. Collins.

A bill to amend the revenue laws of this State, (which provides that two years be allowed to redeem all land sold for taxes, and that 16 per cent. only be required on the amount due the State for taxes, of those redeeming lands thus sold.)

Guion introduced a bill for the relief of Henry Lea.

The Senate resolved itself into committee of the whole on the Oregon resolution.

A bill to provide for the more speedy trial of slaves.

A bill for the purchase of North's book on Probate courts.

A bill to amend an act to regulate the mode of obtaining license to sell liquors, &c.

After some time spent the committee rose and reported the Oregon resolution amended by adding, "that whilst justice and sound policy forbid any interference of our government in European affairs, that we reiterate and re-affirm, the principle of non-interference of any foreign nation in the affairs of this continent, and that the American continent is not to be considered subject to colonization to European powers," which was received.

The second bill was reported back without amendment and referred to a select committee.

The third bill was reported back with sundry amendments, which on motion of Adams was laid on the table.

On motion of Boone the Senate took recess till 3 o'clock, P.M.

After the recess had expired the Senate met in the House to elect a Public Printer and after returning to their chamber, adjourned till 10 o'clock, A.M., Thursday.

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A bill for the establishment of a Seminary of learning in the city of Jackson.

The introduction of bills, resolutions, &c., was next in order and the following were received, to wit:

White, a bill to establish the county seat of Issaquena county.

Huie, a bill to change the name of Susannah W. House, to Susannah W. White.

Green, a bill to incorporate the Silas Brown Lodge, No. 65.

Archer, a bill to incorporate the town of Greensboro.

McInnis, a bill to authorize the board of Police to levy special taxes.

Sessions, a bill to repeal an act incorporating the University of Mississippi.

White, a bill to make payment for transcribing the records of the county of Issaquena.

Warren, a resolution that the 40th rule of the House be so amended, that the Speaker may appoint a committee on Incorporations.

Gibbs, a resolution that the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of fixing a day for the sale of lands for taxes, and report by bill or otherwise.

Pendleton, a resolution that the same committee enquire into the expediency of repealing the law levying taxes on merchandise sold by merchant, and report by bill or otherwise.

Leonard, a bill to make "Mike" a navigable stream.

Guy, a bill to repeal the 4th section of an act incorporating the town of Grenada.

Harris moved that the vote of yesterday, on a bill explanatory of an act, incorporating the University of Mississippi, be reconsidered.

The question to reconsider the vote was decided in the affirmative, yeas 59, nays 38.

On motion of Cushman the bill was referred to a select committee of five.

The messages from the Senate were taken up and considered as follows:

A bill to provide for additional Justice of the Peace in the district of Holmesville. Read first time.

A bill for the relief of tax payers, &c. Referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A bill in relation to the will of W. Wall of Monroe county. Read first time.

A bill for the relief of Thos. F. Collins. Read first time.

A bill to amend the revenue laws of this State. Referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The orders of the day were called for and taken up.

A bill to amend an act of the Mississippi Territory of Dec. 1803, in relation to the city of Natchez, was read a second time.

On motion of Kennedy, the House took a recess till 3 1/2 o'clock, P. M.

At 3 1/2 o'clock the House was called to order and on motion, the Senate was notified that the house was ready to go into the election of Public Printer.

The Senate entered and took the seats assigned them and the convention proceeded to the election of a Public Printer by viva voce with the following result.

Price & Fall,	67
Smyth & Pickett,	21
Thos. Palmer,	38

Messrs. Price & Fall were then announced as duly elected State Printers for the next two years.

On motion the House adjourned.

#### SENATE.

THURSDAY, January 15 1846.

In the Senate, Messrs. Guion, Swan and Labauve offered the claims of R. Jack, John Tate and M. Wilson, which were referred to the committee on Claims.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

From Miles—a bill to incorporate the town of Benton.

Dabney—a bill to change the time of holding the circuit court in the 5th Judicial District.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS INTRODUCED.

Adams—a joint-resolution that the joint select committee to draft an apportionment, be instructed to report a bill reducing the number of Senators and Representatives at least one fourth of their present number—adopted by yeas 18, nays 9.

Nicholson—a resolution that the Judiciary enquire into the expediency of vesting some officer in each and every county with authority to grant writs of Habeas Corpus, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Lumpkin—a bill to change the time of holding the Circuit Court of Yalobusha co., was called from the table and passed.

The Senate then took up the order of the day, to wit a bill to attach the counties of Tippah and Pontotoc to the district chancery court at Fulton which was amended by adding that the chancery

court held at Fulton be held at Aberdeen, and referred to a select committee.

On motion of Adams—a bill to carry into effect the agreement of the State of Mississippi with the United States in relation to the two per cent fund, was referred to the committee on Internal Improvements, also, the bill providing for the construction of a levee on the Mississippi river, was referred to the same committee.

A bill to authorize the board of police of Amite county, to create additional districts for the election of Justice, of the Peace in said county—read a third time and passed.

A bill concerning the estate of W. B. Smith late, of Warren county—read a third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Leah Beasley—read a third time and passed.

A bill for the purchase of North's book on Probate Courts—read a third time and passed.

Fox called up his memorial to Congress to improve Pearl river, which was amended by adding Leaf, Chickasawha, Pascagoula, Yazoo and tributaries, and Big Black rivers—read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion the Senate adjourned.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, January 15, 1846.

The chair announced the following as the standing committees on incorporations: Messrs Simrall, Green of Tippah, Fowles, Smith of Winston, and Beatty.

Pendleton presented the petition of the trustees of the Natches Hospital, asking for an appropriation.

Greaves presented the petition of J. A. Cotten, of Hinds county.

Emanuel presented the claim of J. D. Duckworth, former Sheriff of Smith county.

Simrall presented the petition of T. Davidson, of Wilkinson county, accompanied with a bill to allow the legal heirs of Benjamin Herbert to sell his real estate.

McNabb presented the claim of M. Fore, former sheriff of Rankin county.

Singleton, from the committee on propositions and grievances, to whom was referred the petition of certain citizens of Lafayette county, praying for the protection of Yocknapatafa river, made a report that it was inexpedient to legislate upon the subject.

The same committee also reported against the petition to allow Lester Langford to sell spirituous liquors without license.

On motion of Fontaine the judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the 5th section of the act for the more perfect organization of the superior court of chancery, approved Feb. 24, 1844.

Totten, from the committee instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending an act declaring certain copies testimony, approved May 13, 1837, reported a bill to authorise the taking of depositions when the witness resides out of the State.

Wade, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of certain citizens of Harrison county, praying for the abolition of the poll tax, reported that it was inexpedient to legislate upon the subject.

On motion of Simrall, the judiciary committee was instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act to regulate liens, judgments and bonds, approved Feb. 24, 1841.

On motion of Cypert, the committee on elections were instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the time of holding the election of county and beat officers.

On motion of Connell, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the House will not allow any claim against the State after the 10th day of February, which may require an appropriation by the present session of the Legislature, except such as are necessary for the expenses of the Legislature.

Cushman, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill relating to the University of Mississippi, reported the bill back, with an amendment, to strike out that portion of the bill giving the trustees control over the funds.

On motion of Smiley, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, McNabb in the chair, for the purpose of considering the bill.

On motion of Wade, the committee rose and reported progress.

The bill was passed.

The house took up the message from the senate, and concurred in the resolution to form the two committees on internal improvement into a joint standing committee.

The house then adjourned.

#### SENATE.

FRIDAY, January. 16, 1846.

In the Senate, Messrs. Boone, Labauve, Adams and Lipscomb presented sundry

petitions, memorials, claims, &c., which were referred as requested.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

Adams—a bill to authorize the transcribing the records of Smith county.

Ramsey—a bill to reorganize the Judicial districts of the State.

Guion—a bill for the relief of Dr. M. Caleb, of Claiborne county, also a bill amendatory of other acts for the protection and protection of married women (200 copies ordered to be printed.)

Adams gave notice that he would introduce a bill proposing an amendment to the Constitution, giving circuit judges chancery jurisdiction to the amount of 5000 dollars.

On motion of Briscoe the amendment of the House to the University bill was made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to establish the county seat of Washington county, (as amended by way of rider, that said county seat be known as the town of Greenville, was adopted.)

A resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives to sustain the recommendations of the President of the United States in relation to the Public lands.

A bill to incorporate the town of Benton.

A bill to amend the several acts of limitations.

A bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners in other States to take acknowledgment of deeds, &c.

A bill for the relief of Hon. J. H. Rollins.

A resolution inserting an amendment to the Constitution.

A bill incorporating Yazoo Lodge No. 42—all of which were read a third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Isaac Chrisman, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Willburn the vote on the resolution amendatory to the Constitution was reconsidered and on motion of Miles the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, January 16, 1846.

Prayers were delivered by the Rev. H. Leave, pursuant to the regular commencement of business.

Messrs. Moody, McCaughan, Cowan, Harrison, Leonard, Holleman, Mays, Dilworth and Sessions, presented sundry petitions, claims &c, all of which were referred as requested.

REPORTS FROM STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES.

Singleton, propositions and grievances, that it would be expedient to grant to Gideon Butler, the privilege of selling liquors &c., free of license.

Totten, Judiciary, a bill in relation to the reporter of the High court of Errors and Appeals; and a bill prescribing the mode of collecting costs, and for other purposes.

Thompson, select committee, a bill for the relief of A. W. Crider, a minor.

Farrar, a bill to remove the disabilities of B. W. Taylor.

Pendleton, a bill to emancipate certain slaves, the property of N. Hockett, Jr., all of which were received and agreed to.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

By Mays, a bill to increase the pay of certain officers of Tunica county.

By Spann, a bill to incorporate the Tappan Lodge No. 59, of Brownsville.

By Guy, a bill to divide the police district known as the South Western district of Yalobusha county, into two magistrates districts.

By Greaves, a bill to authorize the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Jackson to construct a bridge over Pearl River.

By Berry, a bill to declare the embezzlement and unlawful use of public monies a felony.

By Pendleton, a bill to repeal an act to regulate the practice of Circuit courts.

By Rossman, a bill to revive an act to incorporate the Eagle Rail Road Company.

By Potts, a bill to change the name of E. Vines to E. Willson.

By Connell, to repeal an act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into this State for sale.

By M'Donald, a bill to change the time of holding the Probate court of Jasper county.

By Wade, a bill to repeal an act extending the remedy of attachment.

By Weathersby, a bill for the relief of W. Brown.

By M'Donald, a bill to incorporate Sterling Lodge of Paulding.

By Stuart, a bill for the relief of Rufus Ford a minor, which on the rules being suspended was forthwith passed.

By Walker, a bill to amend an act altering and amending an act incorporating the town of Houston.

By M'Caughan, a bill to provide for a geological survey of the State.

By Martin, a bill to amend an act to regulate the manner of elections.

By Pendleton, a bill to authorize Nevitt, Elliot and M'Craw to raise 20,000 dollars, by lottery.

By Fontane, a resolution that the orders of the day be taken up at 12 o'clock each day.

By Chewing, a bill to authorize the office of Probate and Circuit court Clerk to be held by the same person in the county of Sunflower.

By Metcalf, a resolution that the committee on elections enquire into the expediency of changing the constitution in regard to the election of Police officers.

By Huie, a resolution that the Judiciary committee enquire into the expediency of repealing an act of 1842 to make the prosecutor pay the costs in all inferior cases, when the State fails in said prosecution, unless the jury certify their belief of the party being guilty of the offence, which was adopted by yeas 56, and nays 47.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate's resolution that the apportionment committee report a bill to reduce the